Winding up of some defence projects

†1258. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to wind up some defence projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have taken any step in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to wind up some defence projects.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Setting up of Defence Procurement Board

+1259. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are constituting a Defence Procurement Board with a view to bring transparency in arms deals and would come out with the Review Report of the R.P. Bagai Committee;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the scheme being formulated to check every source of middlemanship in arms deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Government had constituted a Group of Ministers (GOM) on 17th April 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and in particular, to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review

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